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42 NATIONS ORGANIZE ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE AMID CHEERS FOR WILSON

Paul Hymans, Former Premier
of Belgium, Is Chosen
First President.

ONE WOMAN DELEGATE.

Applause Follows Expression
of Hope that United
States Will Join.

GENEVA, Nov. 15.—Amid cheers for the United States, President Wilson, Belgium and King Albert the Assembly of the League of Nations was formally organized to-day by the election of Paul Hymans, former Premier of Belgium, as President. Crowds in the galleries joined in the cheers. Forty-two nations were represented and M. Hymans received the votes of 35 of them.

There were more than 100 delegates present when the Assembly was called to order by M. Hymans, who read the call for the meeting issued by President Wilson, as provided by the Covenant of the League.

An address of welcome was made by Premier Motta of Switzerland, who said:

"Washington is the home of liberty and the United States cannot long remain out of the League."

M. Motta addressed a message of good will to President Wilson and the hall rang with approbation. The Premier referred to the fact that Geneva had been chosen over Brussels as the permanent seat of the League, and linked it with a tribute to King Albert. The mention of the name brought renewed applause.

M. Hymans declared the world hoped for economic reconstruction to grow out of the Assembly's debate. He suggested the breaking up of monopolies on raw materials as a necessary step.

M. Hymans' election as President was announced by Premier Motta, who had himself received four votes for the Presidency. R. H. Ador of England and Leon Bourgeois, France, had one each.

"We do not pretend the covenant is perfect or that it can't be improved," said President Hymans in his address after election as President.

He declared the League was in any way a new state, threatening the sovereignty of any nation.

"It is rather a clearing house," he said, "designed to facilitate frequent contact between various states with a development of understanding and sympathy."

Only one woman delegate presented.

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INHERITANCE TAX ON SECURITIES VALID

Upheld by U. S. Supreme Court in
Action Attacking that
Section.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Supreme Court to-day upheld the section of the New York state inheritance tax law, providing that an inherited security is subject to a five per cent stamp tax in excess of a five per cent stamp tax on personal property tax had been paid upon them.

Anna H. Watson and Frederick Watson attacked this section of the law when the state attempted to collect the inheritance tax on securities owned by them. The state on personal property tax had been paid.

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HARDING'S TRAIN STILL HELD UP

President-Elect Hopes to Get to
Brownsville Some Time
To-Day.

POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 15 (Associated Press).—His vacation broken up, a roadways to the outside world blocked by one of the worst storms known in this region, President-elect Harding planned to make another attempt to-day to get into Brownsville to spend in comfort the remaining two days of his visit to Texas.

He already had said goodbye to the trail seaside cottages that he housed him through three days of wind and cold, but his effort to get away came to grief when his special train, narrow gauge and gasoline propelled, broke down just outside of Point Isabel. After a dismal four hours on the wind-swept prairie he returned here after dark last night, but his train was held for another try about noon to-day. This offered his only avenue of departure for the wagon roads were impassable to automobiles.

During the morning Senator Harding did some more work on the speech he is to deliver next Thursday at New Orleans, just before he sails for Panama. It would not surprise some of those near him if he took particular notice of recent developments in the general financial situation. It is known that he has watched stock market fluctuations with unusual interest and is making a study of a possible remedy for threatening economic tendencies.

\$2,940 WAS SPENT TO ELECT A WOMAN

Miss Robertson's Congressional
Campaign Manager Reports
\$325 Deficit.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Expenditures of \$2,940 were made in the campaign on behalf of Miss Alice Robertson of the Second Oklahoma District, the second woman to be elected to Congress, according to a report filed to-day with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by her campaign manager.

Receipts were given as \$2,515 and the deficit, it was stated, will be made up from subsequent collections "to ratify the result of the election."

Miss Robertson declared in her statement that "no pledges or promises were made" to obtain her election.

The Single Tax Party reported the expenditure in the Presidential campaign totaled only \$2,548. Receipts were placed at \$2,122 and there were no individual contributions of more than \$500. The list included several donations from persons living abroad.

VENIZELIS BEATEN, REPORT IN LONDON

Premier and All the Cabinet Except
One Member Said to Have
Failed.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens under to-day's date says the results of the elections in Greece yesterday, so far as known, point to a defeat for Premier Venizelos. The Premier and all the members of his Cabinet except one seem to have failed of election, the message declares.

The Government, adds the dispatch, has decided to appeal to a popular vote if the final results are against M. Venizelos.

Direct dispatches from Athens, sent early this morning, stated Premier Venizelos claimed that his party had obtained a majority in the elections throughout Greece.

Shot to Death by His Dog.
BIRMINGHAM, Ind., Nov. 15.—William S. Smith, staying on a hunting trip Sunday, was shot to death by his dog. The dog accidentally pressed the trigger of Smith's shotgun as he scrambled around the auto when a hunting party was starting.

REDS IN CRIMEA; CAPTURE 150,000 IN WRANGEL ARMY

General Escapes, but 100,000
Refugees Are Unable to
Leave Sebastopol.

30,000 REDS ARE SLAIN.

All Americans Are Reported
Safe—U. S. Red Cross
Stores Looted.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Sebastopol has fallen, the Russian Bolsheviks having occupied the city last night, according to information received by the French Foreign Office. The Bolsheviks are reported to be masters of the whole Crimean Peninsula.

Gen. Wrangel, members of his staff and M. Martel, French High Commissioner at Sebastopol, were taken on board the French warship Waldeck Rousseau and are expected to arrive in Constantinople late to-night or to-morrow.

Some of those connected with the Foreign Office estimated that Bolsheviks had captured between 150,000 and 200,000 Wrangel troops. Bolshevik losses in killed and wounded are estimated at 30,000.

American Red Cross stores here are reported to have been pillaged by a mob.

The Waldeck-Rousseau and the other French and the American and British ships at Sebastopol did not leave that port until the Bolsheviks were within the walls of the city. These ships, according to the Foreign Office, were loaded to capacity with refugees and the remnants of Gen. Wrangel's troops. Many refugees were left behind, and these, it was said, probably numbered 100,000.

The fate of these refugees is causing great anxiety, as the American relief organization has also left the Crimea. The majority of the refugees have been dependent upon the American relief workers for their sustenance.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—As Great Britain has never recognized the Wrangel Government and is now negotiating for the opening of trade relations with Soviet Russia, the British Navy will continue to observe strict neutrality in the Black Sea. Reports from Constantinople that the British Navy would assist in the blockade of Black Sea ports were denied by the Admiralty.

JUDGE GETS AFTER POLICE SNOOPERS

Says They Should Hunt Robbers
and Pay Less Attention
to Slums.

"It seems to me that able-bodied
detectives can find, as police officers,
work of greater benefit to the
community than that of snooping around
the slums in quest of unfortunate
whose moral fibre poverty may have
broken down," said County Judge Mac-
Mahon in Brooklyn, to-day as he suspended sentence on Miss Mary O'Neill,
forty-six years old, of No. 1 Prospect
Terrace, Brooklyn, for whom the pro-
secution officers had found employment.
"Let the detectives," said the Judge,
"concern themselves with the work of
ridding our borough of the robbers
and thieves who have been spreading
terror in our midst. The patrolman
who is uniform conscientiously does
his duty, protecting us in our life and
property, is deserving of the highest
commendation and is not half paid."
"It is extremely unfair when other
members of the force, through the
favor of influential friends, are able to
get assignments as plain-clothes men,
do not even have to plain-clothes men
receive."

Accuses Former Danish Army
Officer.

Hennip Lewis, formerly a lieutenant
in the Danish Army, now living at
Rumsonville, N. Y., was held in \$100
bail in the Fifth Avenue Court, Brooklyn,
to-day on complaint of Mrs. Anna
W. Rejzstadt, No. 609 49th Street, Brook-
lyn, who charges that he carried away
her ermine collar and pawned it. He
said she gave it to him to pawn.

INTERMYER IS ON TRAIL OF "MEN HIGHER UP" IN BUILDING INDUSTRY GRAFT

"Surface Only Scratched Thus
Far" in the Investigation by
Lockwood Committee.

WILL STICK TO ONE LINE.

Does Not Want to Divert
Forces to Inquire Into All
Contracts of City.

During a conference between the Lockwood Housing Committee and the Board of Estimate to-day, Samuel Untermyer, chief counsel of the former body, declined the invitation of the Estimate body to go into a general investigation of all city contracts at this time. He made it clear that the specific purpose of the Lockwood Committee on Housing was not to investigate city departments, but all the elements which contributed toward creating the present housing situation.

The Board of Estimate reconvened after its conference with the Lockwood committee and decided to conduct a separate investigation of its own of all city contracts. This investigation will be open to the public. The resolution was introduced by the Mayor.

After having informed the Estimate Board that the Lockwood committee had bigger tasks on hand than even the investigation of city contracts, and "that it has merely scratched the surface" in its search after corruption, Mr. Untermyer offered several suggestions which he said may be adopted by the city as a measure of protection for itself and a guarantee of a square deal for honest contractors.

"If you don't pay contractors they will fail," said Mr. Untermyer. "Not only that, but many thousands of men will be turned out of jobs, important city improvements will be held up and the injustice and misery which would follow would be incalculable. Therefore, the city should not take so brutal a step as to hold up all city contracts and place every contractor in the limelight of suspicion."

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Jennery Grant, twenty-nine, of No. 29 De Witt Street, New Haven, Conn., was thrown through the windshield of his car, driven by Anthony Ippa of the same address, at Pelham Parkway and Pelham Boulevard, when it was run into, head on, this afternoon by an automobile owned by Carl Windrum and driven by Vernon Miller, both of No. 35 Fulton Street, Newark.

Dr. Barrow found Grant was suffering from a fracture of the skull and internal injuries, and he was removed to Fordham Hospital in a serious condition. Miller was arrested and taken to Bronx Park Police station, charged with felonious assault.

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Firemen Make Rescues With
Ladders After Three
Are Overcome.

Mrs. Amelia Ferren, while in a
butcher shop this afternoon, saw
smoke pouring from the windows of
her apartment on the sixth floor of
No. 403 Henderson Street, Jersey
City, where she had left her two
children, Stella, four, and Alexander,
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CHILDREN RESCUED IN TENEMENT FIRE ON NARROW PLANK

Three Walk Nine Foot Board,
Stretched Over Airway,
to Safety.

MOTHER RISKS LIFE.

Rushes Into Smoke Filled
Room to Save Babies—One
Tenant Is Robbed.

Mrs. Yetta Arvin, returning from
the corner grocery, to her home on
the fourth floor of No. 78 Lewis
Street at 7 o'clock to-day, found the
hall filled with smoke and was al-
most knocked down by a rush of
some of the members of eight fam-
ilies in the tenement who were es-
caping from a quick starting fire on
the second floor in the rooms of Mrs.
Annie Schuell.

Mrs. Arvin pushed through the
fugitives and smoke to her own flat,
where she had left her fourteen-year-
old boy Herman, her seven-year-old
daughter Esther, and two-and-a-half-
year-old baby sleeping. The flames
were rising up the stairs behind her.
She slammed the door and groped her
way about in the smoke. The boys
were awake, but Esther was uncon-
scious. She pulled and dragged them
to the back window and placed them
on the window sill.

The back windows of the rear tenement
at No. 93 Goerck Street, only
nine feet away, were filled with ex-
cited spectators screaming with sym-
pathy and horror. Just as Mrs. Arvin
had decided to drop the children four
stories to the paved court, Abraham
Schwartz of No. 93 Goerck Street and
William Tresselman of No. 39 Goerck
Street pushed a nine-foot plank they
had found on the roof across the gap
between the houses.

It was narrow, and baby, the first
to be pushed out to crawl across, fal-
tered and would have fallen had not
Schwartz risked his life to step out on
the plank and catch him. The rest of
the family followed safely.

Meanwhile Nathan Hurt, a tenant
from the front building on Lewis
Street, had put up a ladder against
the front wall of the burning tenement
and enabled a number of tenants
on the fire-escapes to get down.

One of them was Mammie Distler,
twelve-year-old son of Moses Distler,
a third floor tenant.

Moses had gone out leaving his
trousers behind. Mammie picked them
up and dragged them after him. There
were \$70 in the pockets and a gold
watch. Mammie, who is suffering from
a rifle bullet wound received in the
siege of Lemberg, fainted when he
reached the street. Somebody pre-
tending to aid him stole the money
and the watch.

The fire was soon extinguished. A
slight injury to the hand of young
Schwartz and the pet of the Arvin
family caused the sending of four
ambulances to the scene.

NEWARK MAYOR SELLS COAL

Distributes 150 Tons at Price Less
Than Dealers Charge.

Distribution of 150 tons of coal which
Mayor Gillen ordered through inde-
pendent coal operators to relieve the
shortage in Newark, N. J., began to-
day. The Mayor obtained a number of
coal wagons and had supplied coal to
the first applicants on his waiting list,
which comprises 300 names. His price
was \$12.50 a ton, which is 40 to 75
cents below that of dealers here.

Five outcrops more have been ob-
tained from Pennsylvania mines. The
Mayor has been assured by U. S. coal
roads that the coal will be moved
promptly, if it can be obtained.

POLICEMAN SHOT IN SALOON.

Dog, Proprietor and Another Man
All in Attack, Says Officer.

Policeman William Gannon of Jersey
City says he went to the saloon of
Stanislava Schurga, No. 114 Essex
Street, Jersey City, early to-day to in-
vestigate a complaint that a man had
been robbed.

JAMMED EXIT DOOR CAUSE OF DEATHS IN MOVIE PANIC; OWNERS OF HOUSE ARE HELD

Deputy Commissioner O'Grady Urges
All Picture Theatres in City Be
Closed Until Investigation Estab-
lishes Safety—Charged Door
Was Locked.

Right here in New York City, supposedly safeguarded by a mighty
Police and Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, a Welfare Bureau
of the Police, children's aid societies and numerous other public and
quasi-public organizations whose object is the protection of children and
in the face of scores of laws governing such matters this is what happened
yesterday:

Six children were crushed to death as the result of a panic in an
east side motion picture house. A number of others, in serious con-
dition, are in hospitals.

Witnesses, at the scene of the disaster, state that a cellar door
upraised from the sidewalk held closed an exit door behind which the
children piled up in a heap to have their lives snuffed out.

A lock taken from the exit door was fastened by its ring-bolt into
two eye screws. The detective who took the lock from the door
maintains that it was locked at the time of the panic.

STANDARD CUTS GASOLINE 1 CENT

Announced as Not Due to Lower
Costs, but to Aid in the Gen-
eral Adjustment.

Tank wagon prices of gasoline will be
reduced 1 cent a gallon to-day in States
in which the Standard Oil Company of
New Jersey and the Standard Oil Com-
pany of Louisiana operate. It was an-
nounced here last night by President
Tamm of the New Jersey company.

States in which the reduction will be
effective include: New Jersey, Mary-
land, Virginia, North Carolina, South
Carolina, District of Columbia, Louisi-
ana, Tennessee and Arkansas.

The reduction is not the result of
lower costs, Mr. Tamm said, but is a
movement to aid in lowering of prices
as part of the general commercial ad-
justment.

SECOND INCENDIARY FIRE IN SCHOOL

Blaze in Wardrobe of Brooklyn
Building Damaged Two
Weeks Ago.

The second incendiary fire in two
weeks was discovered this morning in
Public School No. 23, at Humboldt and
Skillman Streets, Williamsburg. It was
in a wardrobe used as a bookcase in
room No. 46 on the second floor, where
Class 2B meets. Miss Perry, the
teacher, discovered it a few minutes
before the pupils entered the school
and called the janitor, who extinguished
it. A fire alarm was sent in but the
firemen found nothing to do.

Everett Barnes, Principal of the
school, said that two weeks ago a fire
was started in room 39 and the boy
who set it is now in the Catholic Pro-
tectory.

OFFICIAL SNOW, FIRST OF SEASON

The first official snow of the season
in New York City began falling shortly
before 10 o'clock this morning, although
some claimed that there were flurries
last night.

The fall-to-day wasn't much to brag
about at first. The snow didn't last
long and the boys didn't get a
chance to roll a snowball, but the night
was sufficient to quiet the soul of the
small boy.

The following advisory message was
received today by the local Weather
Bureau from Washington, D. C.:
Northeast storm warning, 10 A. M.,
Oct. 15, 1920. Bay, St. Louis to Cedar
Keys, Fla. Disturbance over East Cen-
tral Gulf moving northward. Will
increase in intensity, causing strong
northerly wind late this afternoon and
to-night. Gale over East Gulf.

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